

IN THE CLAIMS

1.-245. (Canceled)

246. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

- [a.]] a client to receive data including at least auxiliary data and application data, and including:
 - a client computer to process computer code, included in the application data, to facilitate an interaction with a user;
 - an auxiliary data processor to process the auxiliary data, and
 - a display to display images based on at least one of the processed auxiliary data and the processed application data; and

[[[b.]]] a local computer collocated with and in communication with the client to allow the client to communicate with the local computer, the local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system.

247. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 246, further comprising a mass storage in communication with the local computer, wherein the client is to retrieve information from the mass storage via the local computer.

248. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 247, wherein the client is to use the mass storage to store data to be retrieved later.

249. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 248, wherein the local computer is to control the client.

250. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 249, wherein the local computer is to control the client to process a computer program included in the received data.

251. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 246, wherein the local computer is at least one of the group consisting of a personal computer, a larger computer and a computer network.

252.-253. (Canceled)

254. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 246, wherein the application data includes data to be used by the computer code to facilitate the interaction with the user.

255. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 246, wherein the system is an interactive television system and the auxiliary data includes data representing television images.

256. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 246, wherein the client computer is to generate graphics, in response to execution of the computer code, for display by the client.

257. (Currently amended) A television system comprising:

a client to receive data including at least auxiliary data and application data, including computer code executable by the client to facilitate an interaction with a user, the client including:

[[i.]] an auxiliary data processor to process the auxiliary data, and

[[ii.]] a display to display video images, based on the processed auxiliary data; a local computer collocated with and in communication with the client to allow the client to communicate with the local computer; and a mass storage, of the local computer, in communication with the client to enable the client to retrieve information from the mass storage via the local computer, the local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system.

258. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 257, wherein the client is to use the mass storage to store of data to be retrieved later.

259. (Canceled)

260. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 257, wherein the local computer can be used to control the client.

261. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 260, wherein the local computer is to control the client to process a computer program included in the received data.

262. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 259, wherein the local computer is at least one of the group consisting of a personal computer, a larger computer and a computer network.

263.-264. (Canceled)

265. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 257, wherein the application data includes data to be used by the computer code executable by the client to facilitate the interaction with the user.

266. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 257, wherein the system is an interactive television system and the auxiliary data includes data representing television images.

267. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 263, wherein the client is to generate graphics, in response to the execution of the computer code, for display by the client.

268. (Currently amended) A system comprising:

a server to generate data including at least auxiliary data and application data;
a client to receive the auxiliary data and the application data, and including:

[[i.]] an auxiliary data processor to process the auxiliary data, and

[[ii.]] a display to display video images, based on the processed auxiliary data;
and

a local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system collocated with and in communication with the client to allow the client to communicate with the local computer,

wherein the client further includes a client computer to process computer code, included in the application data, to facilitate an interaction with a user.

269. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 268, further comprising a mass storage in communication with the client to enable the client to retrieve information from the mass storage.

270. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 269, wherein the client is to use the mass storage to store data to be retrieved later.

271. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 268, wherein the local computer is to control the client.

272. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 271, wherein the local computer is to control the client to process a computer program included in the received data.

273. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 268, wherein the local computer is at least one of the group consisting of a personal computer, a larger computer and a computer network.

274.-275. (Canceled)

276. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 268, wherein the application data includes data to be used by the computer code to facilitate the interaction with the user.

277. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
a server to generate data including at least auxiliary data and application data;
a client to receive the auxiliary data and the application data and to execute computer code, included in the application data, to facilitate an interaction with a user, and including:
[[i.]] an auxiliary data processor to process the auxiliary data, and
[[ii.]] a display to display images, based on the processed auxiliary data;

a local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system collocated with and in communication with the client to allow the client to communicate with the local computer; and

a mass storage, of the local computer, in communication with the client to enable the client to retrieve information from the mass storage via the local computer.

278. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 277, wherein the client is to use the mass storage to store data to be retrieved later.

279. (Canceled)

280. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 277, wherein the local computer can be used to control the client.

281. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 277, wherein the local computer is at least one of the group consisting of a personal computer, a larger computer and a computer network.

282.-283. (Canceled)

284. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 267, wherein the application data includes data to be used by the computer code executable by the client to facilitate the interaction with the user.

285. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving data, including at least auxiliary and application data, at a client;

displaying images, based on the auxiliary data utilizing the client;

communicating between the client and a local computer collocated with and in communication with the client, the local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system; and

executing computer code, included in the application data, at the client to facilitate an interaction with a user.

286. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285 including processing the auxiliary data.

287. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including retrieving data from a mass storage utilizing the client, the retrieving being performed via the local computer.

288. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including storing data to be retrieved later at a mass storage utilizing the client, the storing being performed via the local computer.

289. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including controlling the client utilizing the local computer.

290. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 289, including controlling the client to process a computer program included in the received data.

291. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, wherein the local computer is at least one of the group consisting of a personal computer, a larger computer and a computer network.

292. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including utilizing the application data to facilitate the interaction between the client and the user.

293. (Canceled)

294. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, wherein the displaying of the images includes generating television images.

295. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including generating graphics, in response to the execution of the computer code by the client, for display by the client.

296. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including generating the received data to include the computer code executable by the client to facilitate the interaction with a the user.

297. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 285, including generating the received data to include application data to be used by the computer code executable by the client to facilitate the interaction with the user.

298. (Currently amended) A method comprising:
receiving data including at least auxiliary data at a client;
displaying images, based on the auxiliary data, utilizing the client;
communicating between the client and a local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system, the local computer being collocated with the client; and
retrieving information from a mass storage, of the local computer, utilizing the client, the mass storage being in communication with the client via the local computer.

299. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298 including processing the auxiliary data.

300. (Canceled)

301. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298, including storing data to be retrieved later at the mass storage utilizing the client, the storing being performed via the local computer.

302. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 280, including controlling the client utilizing the local computer.

303. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 302, including controlling the client to process a computer program included in the received data.

304. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 302, wherein the local computer is at least one of the group consisting of a personal computer, a larger computer and a computer network.

305. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298, wherein the client further includes a client computer and wherein the received data further includes application data to be processed by the client computer, the method including utilizing the application data to facilitate an interaction between the client and a user.

306. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 305, including executing computer code within the application data to facilitate the interaction.

307. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 305, including utilizing data, included with the application data and to be used by computer code executable by the client computer, to facilitate the interaction.

308. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298, wherein the displaying of the images includes generating television images.

309. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298, including generating graphics, in response to execution of computer code by the client, for display by the client.

310. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298, including generating the received data to include computer code executable by the client to facilitate an interaction with a user.

311. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 298, including generating the received data to include application data to be used by computer code executable by the client to facilitate an interaction with a user.

312. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

- receive data including at least auxiliary data, representing video images, and application data at the machine;
- display video images, based on the auxiliary data utilizing the machine;
- communicate between the machine and a local computer collocated with and in communication with the machine, the local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system; and
- execute computer code, included in the application data, at the machine to facilitate an interaction with a user.

313. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium embodying a sequence of instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

- receive data including at least auxiliary data representing video images at the machine;
- display video images, based on the auxiliary data utilizing the machine;
- communicate between the machine and a local computer comprising a stand-alone computer system, the local computer being collocated with the machine; and
- retrieve information from a mass storage, of the local computer, utilizing the machine, the mass storage being in communication with the machine via the local computer.